



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

"Strive, Believe, Achieve"

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Our school Values

Honesty ~ Excellence ~ Respect ~ Resilience ~ Perseverance

Our Moral Purpose - Students will be able to choose a life that has meaning.

Warracknabeal Secondary College is committed to child safety (Ministerial Order No. 870) and takes all reasonable steps to ensure that the safety of our students is paramount.

*Term 3 Week 2
27th July
2017*

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Week 2 began with an engaging and productive School Council meeting on Monday night. A number of topics were discussed, including the Grade 6 information evening held last term, the end of semester reports, CCTV cameras and fundraising at the school. Please feel free to contact School Council members to provide feedback or seek clarification on school matters. The members are: Kylie Zanker (president), Sally Gebert (vice), Jeremy May, Hugh Keam, Mark McPherson, Carolyn Koschitzke, Jodie Taylor, Greg McKenzie and Joy Wilken.

The Parent Opinion survey will open next week and I aim to have at least 75 families complete the survey. It is an online survey, so if you would like the link please contact the office. Alternatively, if you are coming to the school for any reason, we will have some laptops made available to complete the survey here. The Parent/Community Engagement Forum will take place on Monday at 6.30pm and I look forward to seeing many of you there. I will be explaining 'Growth Mindset' and how this relates to meeting the needs of each student. There will also be some time to discuss the end of semester reports and how they can continue to be improved.

It was fantastic to see the completion of the 2015 School for Student Leadership students' community project. The exercise equipment is an outstanding addition to the creek and thank you to all those who contributed to help improve the health and wellbeing of the town. I would also like to thank our wellbeing worker Rhiannon McKinnon who organised the Strength/Shine day on Tuesday for our Year 9 students. There were important discussions around identity, purpose and self-worth, which are foundational themes for teenagers as they prepare to choose their senior school pathway.

Michael Briggs-Miller

Principal

Absence Hotline - 5398 1433 Or email

Charmaine – Mon, Tues and Fri - wilson.charmaine.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

Chelsea – Wed and Thurs - smith.chelsea.r@edumail.vic.gov.au

Please notify the school by 12 noon on the day of the absence.

ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – Heath Schulz

Study Hall Skill review

This week, Year 11 students had the opportunity to review and select the study skills that will be taught this semester. They also had the opportunity to identify any additional skills that they were interested in learning. So far, additional sessions will include Tax, finance/budgeting, car maintenance (changing a tyre etc.) and basic cooking. The addition of these skills will support students being more prepared when they leave school.

VET Come and Try Day

Approximately 20-25 students in Years 9-10 will participate in the VET Come and Try day next week. This opportunity allows students to test two VET courses to assist in deciding if they will include it in their VCE/VCAL program. Thank you to Mr Winsall and Rhiannon for assisting with supervision.

Meningococcal vaccinations for Years 10-12

Vaccination forms were handed out on Monday morning. If your child did not receive one, they can collect one from the office. Vaccinations will occur on Thursday the 17 of August. Please return all forms to the office promptly.

Heath Schulz

Acting Assistant Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – WHITNEY MUNROE

At Warracknabeal Secondary, we are committed to educating students in both their academics and their personal development. Over the past decade, there has been a lot of research conducted around what is being termed “**Social and Emotional Learning**” or SEL. According to this article on Edutopia:

“Research shows that SEL not only improves achievement by an average of 11 percentile points, but it also increases prosocial behaviours (such as kindness, sharing, and empathy), improves student attitudes toward school, and reduces depression and stress among students (Durlak et al., 2011)”

You can read the full article here: <https://www.edutopia.org/blog/why-sel-essential-for-students-weissberg-durlak-domitrovich-gullotta>.

According to this article, there are five main areas of development in SEL:

- Self-Awareness
- Self-Management
- Social Awareness
- Relationship Skills
- Responsible Decision Making

In the new **Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships** curriculum that was recently released by the Victorian government, many of these topics are covered in great depth. As a school, we are implementing this curriculum across our junior year levels in the Learning Pathways class. This term, we are focussing specifically on Emotional Intelligence, Positive Coping, and Stress Management.

On Tuesday this week, all of our Year 9 students participated in a day of development around social/emotional learning, which was organised and delivered by Rhiannon McKinnon. The students participated in activities around respect, resilience, emotional literacy, strengths, and much more. The day allowed students to connect, share and discuss topics that are important to their personal development. A massive thank you to Rhiannon for leading the day – it was a great success!

Throughout this term and into the future, we will continue to focus on Social and Emotional Learning, as there are great benefits to students' long-term lives:

In the long run, greater social and emotional competence can increase the likelihood of high school graduation, readiness for postsecondary education, career success, positive family and work relationships, better mental health, reduced criminal behaviour, and engaged citizenship (e.g., Hawkins, Kosterman, Catalano, Hill, & Abbott, 2008; Jones, Greenberg, & Crowley, 2015).

Whitney Munroe

Assistant Principal of Middle School

WELLBEING REPORT

It has been a great two weeks back to Term 3. Tuesday I had the honour of running Shine and Strength with our year 9 students. It was a great day to spend with the students in getting to know them. We spoke on topics such as Resilience, strength and worth.

As part of the wellbeing team, my goal is to build positive connections with the students and helping to provide a safe place for them to go to. One of these places is the 'wellbeing hub.' In the past students have been able to heat up their food in the foyer in the hall, however now I have moved our hub to Room 22. In this room, students have access to microwaves, kettle and toasters. There is space for them to listen to music, eat their lunch and play games such as table tennis and board games.



Young Achiever Awards

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Families have previously been posted invites to attend the General Assembly when students are to receive Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards. Please note that as from the start of Term 3, the way in which families will be invited **will change from mail to email only**.



To ensure that you continue to receive invitations to attend these occasions, please confirm that the administration office has your email address. Please also contact the office if no email address is available so that an alternate form of notification can be arranged.

Thank you to all families who attend our assemblies and help celebrate our student achievements. A reminder that all families are invited to attend any of our General Assemblies which are held every third Monday in the College Hall at 8:55am.

Thank you for your support with saving a lot of paper, envelopes and stamps!

Donna Winsall

Young Achiever Awards

Careers Report



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Light Vehicle Mechanic Apprenticeship



Wilson Bolton

Skillinvest is currently recruiting on behalf of Wilson Bolton in Horsham for an enthusiastic and committed person wishing to start a career within the automotive industry.

The position requires a highly motivated person who is keen to work in a team environment in this industry. Duties may include:

- Service & Repair the mechanical parts of motor vehicles such as engines, transmissions (clutch, gear box) and suspension systems
- Discover faults, listen to engines, fit & operate special test equipment & test drive faults
- Repair, replace worn or faulty parts, referring to manual if necessary
- Reassemble, test, clean & adjust repaired or replaced parts or assemblies, using various instruments to make sure they are working properly & putting them back into vehicle
- Establish relationships with customers

This is an excellent opportunity and ideally, the successful applicant will possess the following attributes:

- A sound mechanical aptitude
- Work effectively with others
- Applicants should also demonstrate a strong commitment to customer service and pride of work

For further details please contact Shane Cross on 0418 564 890.

TO APPLY: Written applications including a resume and cover letter to be submitted via our website www.skillinvest.com.au by 5pm Friday 4th August 2017.

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Nicole Stewart


Careers/VET Co-ordinator

Structured Workplace Learning

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Do you have questions or feedback about
Warracknabeal Secondary College?

Parent Engagement Forum

Save the date: Monday 31st July 6.30 pm

(Term 3, Week 3)

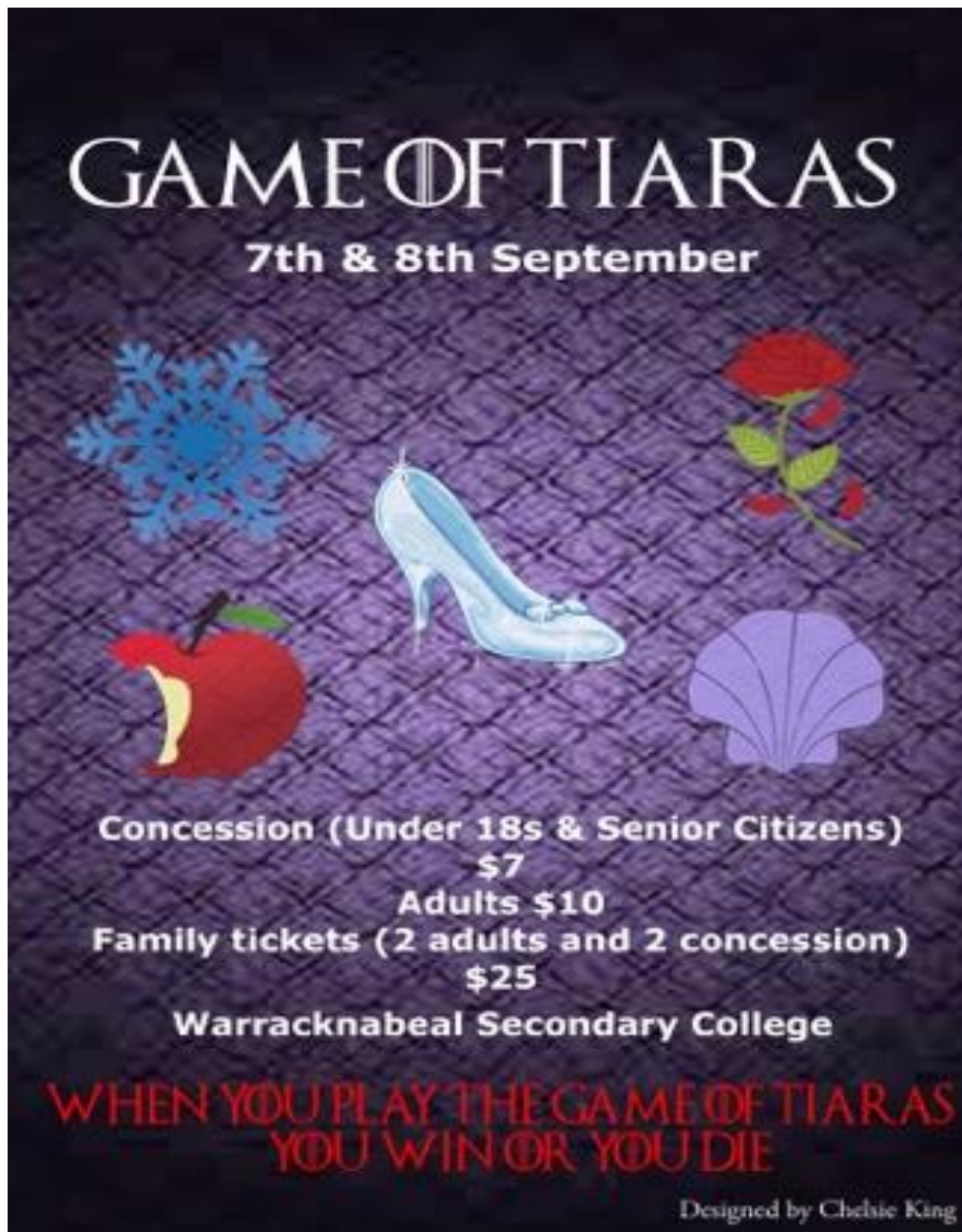
The Parent Engagement Committee of the School Council invite you to ask questions and provide feedback.

Principal Michael Briggs-Miller will be specifically discussing:

- **Reports**
- **How student needs are being addressed**

Anonymous feedback forms will also be provided





Calendar of Events

July	28 th	SRC excursion – Horsham
	31 st	Parent Engagement Forum 6.30pm
August	3 rd	VET Try Day - Horsham
	15 th	Yr7 Boys BR Basketball - Ararat
	16 th	Yr. 8 Girls BR Basketball – Horsham
	17 th	Yr. 10,11 & 12 Immunisations
	25 th	Yr. 12 English Revision day - Horsham



Community Events

Application forms will be available from the office



Warracknabeal's BEST GAMER?

Who Year 7-12

Where Warracknabeal NHH
2 Cox St, Warracknabeal

When Friday August 4th
6.00pm-9.00pm

Sponsored by KAOS GAMES-TECH REPAIRS



HALO, COD etc.
2v2 battles
Speak/Meet REAL PEOPLE

Contact Murray 0407585097 FMI
mmckenzie@yarriambiack.vic.gov.au

Forms available at schools and
Yarriambiack Shire Office

Forms back to Schools by 1.30pm

Thursday August 3rd

**CALL OF DUTY
BLACK OPS II**